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Indiscipline was costly



Although we gave a reasonable display at Molineux on Saturday, the fact that we lost was disappointing. We should have come away with at least a point – we were leading 1-0 with 20 minutes left – but having conceded a first goal we were unprofessional and undisciplined to concede a second so quickly. When Wolves equalised, the whole tempo of the game changed. The crowd lifted them, having previously been on their backs, and the final outcome demonstrated that it is no use playing well for only an hour in the game.

I have been pleased with the commitment of the players in all of our games since I took over and this was the case against Wrexham in what was a scrappy encounter. Our first goal in that match was an excellent effort and it took the tension out of our play, but I told the players at half-time that one goal would not be enough and that we needed to get more shots and crosses in. We improved in the second half and Ryan Preece's goal demonstrated the importance of wide midfield players getting into forward positions when we attack down the opposite flank.

We need to be more convincing at home. I think today's visitors Bolton Wanderers will provide tougher opposition than Wrexham and I welcome their manager Phil Neal, who, of course, had an illustrious playing career, and his assistant Mick Brown with whom I am well acquainted from F.A. senior managers and coaches courses at Lilleshall.

HOME GAMES VITAL . . .

● Talking of home performances, I think our destiny this season will be decided at Somerton Park. We must be looking to win all of our home games and pick up bits and pieces away from home. At the moment, I do not think that we have the strength in depth in our squad to string together a run of six or seven wins and I think we can anticipate more games like the Wrexham one where we will have to battle hard to achieve a win.

There was some talk at Wolves on Saturday about the number of times we caught our opponents offside. There is nothing new in this tactic, which was used by Liverpool and Everton in their game on Sunday. We are looking to defend as near as possible to our opponents' goal line and the more we push up, the more likely we are to be in their half of the field. If opposing forwards make bad forward runs they will be caught offside and, as happened for a long time at Wolves, we frustrated our rivals and had the home crowd criticising them.

WELCOME KEITH . . .

● I welcome Keith Mincher to our coaching staff. Keith has coaching experience at Leeds and Huddersfield and he is qualified both as a physiotherapist and as a coach. He is an important acquisition for us, the Football League is making a rule that all clubs must have a qualified physiotherapist, and Keith will be able to assist David Williams and Roger Gibbins, particularly with the coaching of young players.

Roger, of course, was an addition to our casualty list on Saturday when we certainly missed his experience. He had been bedridden with influenza and an ear infection during the week, although I am hopeful he will be fit for tonight's game. The news on our injured players shows no immediate prospects of improvements which means our resources are severely stretched at the moment. We have been able to bring in two loan signings and Paul Miller scored an excellent goal for us on Saturday. I will be speaking to Wimbledon manager Bobby Gould about the possibility of extending his loan. Our other loan signing, Darren Carr from Bristol Rovers, also acquitted himself well on Saturday and I am grateful that we have been able to field these players.

COVER – Paul Miller, making his home debut, waits as Wrexham goalkeeper Mike Salmon clears in our last home game.

INSIDE SOMERTON

with RAY TAYLOR

HAPPY DAY

● Left-back Steve Sherlock had cause for a double celebration when we beat Wrexham in our last home game. He slept for only an hour on the night before the game because he was with his wife Jill at St. David's Hospital, Cardiff, where she gave birth to Sarah Louise Sherlock at 5 a.m. on the Saturday morning. The Sherlock's already have a two-year old son, Daniel.

DEBUT GOALS

● If we have anyone making their League debut tonight, then we might have reason to expect them to begin their career with a goal. That was the fate that strikers Glynne Millett and Robbie Taylor enjoyed against today's opponents Bolton Wanderers in last season's fixtures. Glynne, who is featured in today's Amber Angle spot, scored the only goal at Burnden Park last season, while Robbie equalised Ian Stevens' effort in our 2-1 win in the return game. Tony Reid, Roy Carter and Andy Thackeray also scored their first goals for us against Wanderers.



● **ANDY THACKERAY** — scored his first goal against Bolton.

NEW LONDON FAN

● 17 year-old Andrew Ward from Letchworth, Herts, was a new addition to our London area fans when he travelled to Peterborough for our away game two weeks ago. Andrew set out for our away game at Crystal Palace but did not make

the destination because of British Rail problems, so the Peterborough game was his first visit to a County match. He normally supports Ipswich Town, but he has decided to support County whenever the opportunity presents itself in the future.

GOOD LUCK DAVE

● As we gain one London fan, we have lost another, temporarily at least. Dave Laws has been a regular for some years but he will be unable to see his favourite side, at least until April. Dave's employment is taking him to the Middle East, and while he has had a habit of making apparently impossible journeys in order to attend our games, we suspect that the trip from Dubai will prove beyond him.

UNSPORTING ANNOUNCER

● Following some of the unsavoury events which have troubled the image of football in recent years, there is an added responsibility on all those connected with the game to behave in an exemplary manner. What a shame that the Peterborough United match announcer chose not to do so when we visited London Road two weeks ago! At half-time, with the home side leading 2-0, he made his way to the centre of the pitch with a microphone to announce the score. What followed upset the contingent of County fans. He reminded the home crowd that their local rivals Cambridge had beaten us 4-0 and said, "If Cambridge could score four against Newport, I'm sure we can manage five!"

AND FREIGHT ROVER UPDATE

● Port Vale's 2-0 win over Exeter City last week means that provided we do not lose by more than a single goal when we visit Exeter later this month we will progress to the knock-out stage of the competition. A 2-0 win for Exeter would give the tournament organisers a headache for it would mean all three clubs finishing with identical records. The top two in each three team group go through.

TIM THRAVES

● Everyone at Somerton Park extends their sympathy to our former match announcer Tim Thraves and his wife on the occasion of their recent bereavement.

BEST WISHES JOHN

● Our former player manager John Lewis recently signed a contract as a player with Swansea City and we thank John for his efforts on behalf of this club and wish him every success in the future. Another former County player, Steve Berry, was on the move recently. Having left us for Swindon Town earlier this year in exchange for a five figure fee, Steve has now joined Aldershot on a free transfer.

F.A. CUP NEWS

● The F.A. Cup draw did us no favours this season with an away tie at Third Division promotion challengers Northampton Town. We were regular visitors to the County Ground in the 1970s, winning 1-0 in 1972-73, and 4-2 in 1977-78. Our last visit was for a Fourth Division game in October 1979 when the Cobblers were 3-2 winners. Neil Bailey and Steve Warriner were our scorers on that occasion.



● **NEIL BAILEY** — on target when we last at Northampton.

COMMERCIAL SCENE

with JOHN CHICKEN

LIFELINE NEWS . . .

● Lifeline members are reminded that they are entitled to travel on Supporters Club coaches to away games. Simply show your Lifeline card and you will NOT be required to join the Supporters Club.

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Week No.

- 38 — No. 503: G. Wilkins, Newport
- 39 — No. 17: D. Peek, Cardiff
- 40 — No. 960: E. Reynish, Chepstow
- 41 — No. 1053: J. Preece, Newport
- 42 — No. 1107: P. Honeywell, Usk

SUBSCRIPTION DRAW . . .

● Member No. 243, Mr. Ken Fieldhouse of Caerleon was £50 better off as a result of his success in the draw at the Wrexham game.

NEWPORT COUNTY ACTION

FUND — FUNCTIONS . . .

1 — A Christmas Draw will be held at 9.00 p.m. on Friday, December 4th at Newport County Social Club (Paddy's Bar) when a social evening will be held between 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. for all supporters. Entertainment and refreshments will be available. £250 in cash will be first prize and the Potters' Arms in Newport are offering a meal for two as a second prize. Other prizes include ten boxed Christmas dinners, numerous bottles of wines and spirits plus

other surprise prizes. Tickets are available from the Supporters Club door, price 20p each or £1 for a book.

2 — A Traditional Christmas Dinner . . .

will be served at The King in Somerton Road on Saturday, December 12, price £9.50. Manner of dress is optional, and supporters should arrive at 7.30 p.m. for the meal which will be served at 8.00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the Supporters Club.

BALL BOYS . . .

● . . . for tonight's game are from Bettws Comprehensive School. They are: Gareth Whittington, Andrew Chorley, Michael Brehenny, Ian Morgan, Jeremy Secker, Kristian Taylor, David Edwards, Richard Szuszkiewicz.

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Steve SHERLOCK — Peter Merton & Dave Cowling (Merton Steel Int.)

Robbie TAYLOR — Motortech, 6a London Street, Newport.

Andy THACKERAY — Bryn & Rachel (Black Horse)

Richard THOMPSON — Mr. T. E. Swindley.

Steve TUPLING — Roy Enos.

Paul WILLIAMS — Roy Enos.

David WITHERS —



● Ryan Preece (far right) scores his first League goal for us when he nets our second against Wrexham.

BOLTON WANDERERS

by RICHARD TAYLOR

● Though they finished in 21st position in the Third Division last term and so avoided automatic relegation tonight's visitors, **BOLTON WANDERERS**, still dropped with us into Division Four on account of a 3-2 aggregate defeat against Aldershot in the end of season play-offs. Nevertheless, the obvious blow of relegation has been softened considerably by the side's encouraging start to this, their first ever season in the League basement. Indeed, prior to the visit of Swansea to Burnden Park three days ago, Phil Neal's team were a mere three points adrift of League leaders Scarborough, and, with a game in hand on all the early pacesetters, must be confident of a successful campaign.

It all represents a welcome change for long-suffering Wanderers' fans who, apart from a Wembley appearance in the 1986 Freight Rover Trophy Final, have had precious little to cheer this decade, as their side have suffered three relegations in seven years. In an attempt to arrest the slide, manager Neal spent a hectic close-season in the transfer market, eventually bringing six new players to Burnden Park. After a slightly shaky start, with Wanderers eliminated from the Littlewoods Cup at the first hurdle, the new signings have generally settled in well, and the side has recently been further strengthened by the capture on loan of 'mercurial' former England winger Peter Barnes.

Clearly, bearing in mind the obvious potential that exists at Bolton, it would be a major surprise if the current side, which cost around £180,000 to assemble, are not in a challenging position by next May.

DEFENCE

● A familiar figure in goal for Wanderers is the former Welsh international **DAVE FELGATE**, who joined the club for £16,000 from Grimsby in February. Ever-present so far this season, 27 year-old Dave is in his second spell with the 'Trotters', after leaving them for Lincoln in 1980. In his first period at Burnden Park, the Blaenau Ffestiniog-born 'keeper was loaned to Rochdale (twice), Bradford and Crewe and, while at Lincoln,

THEIR LAST VISIT

Division Three
Saturday, 4th April, 1987
NEWPORT COUNTY (1) 2
(Taylor, Thackeray)
BOLTON WANDERERS (1) 1
(Stevens)
Attendance: 1,193

COUNTY: Dillon, L. Jones, Sherlock, Thackeray, Compton, Carter, Giles, Gibbins, Bailey, Taylor, Staniforth.
BOLTON: Felgate, Scott, Darby, Joyce (sub. Caldwell), Sutton, Came, Stevens, Thompson, Elliott, Hartford, Gavin.

played on loan for Cardiff and Grimsby.

Right back **DEREK SCOTT** has had a somewhat more settled career, spending eleven years with Burnley before making the short journey to Bolton in June 1985 for £20,000. A former England schoolboy international, the versatile 29 year-old played in virtually every outfield position while at Turf Moor. Close-season capture **DEAN CROMBIE** has been filling the left back position this term and, like Felgate, the 30 year-old former Lincoln man joined Wanderers from Grimsby. While with the 'Mariners', Lincoln-born Crombie made 320 League appearances, and also had a brief loan spell with Reading.

Central defender **DAVE SUTTON** is another vastly experienced campaigner, who played in two promotion winning teams while at Huddersfield. Now 31, he began his career in Devon with Plymouth, and also played for Reading, before joining Bolton from Huddersfield for £12,000 in the summer of 1985.

His central defensive partner, **MARK CAME**, 26, arrived at Wanderers in April 1984 from North West Counties League side Winsford United, and the Exeter-born player has been a regular in the first team squad since.

Locally-born **JULIAN DARBY**, 19, can play in midfield or defence, though the former England schoolboy, who made his debut in March 1986, has been in and out of the side this season. Another 19 year-old, **MARK WINSTANLEY**, came into the first team at the same time as Darby and has since made 16 League appearances for the Club.

MIDFIELD

● A recent departure from Burnden Park has been Warren Joyce, who joined Preston for £35,000, though in September a similar fee saw the arrival from Bradford of 27 year-old **ROBBIE SAVAGE**. The Merseysider began his career as an apprentice with Liverpool and had a fairly lengthy loan spell with Wrexham in 1982-83. He later played for Stoke and Bournemouth, before leaving for Valley Parade last year.

STEVE THOMPSON, 23 yesterday, is a one club man who has rarely been out of the side this season. Oldham-born, he has now made over 170 League appearances for the Trotters, whom he joined as an apprentice. A more recent capture is 22 year-old **GARY HENSHAW**, who arrived on a free transfer in the summer from Grimsby — obviously a popular recruiting ground for Wanderers! — where he spent five seasons after joining them as an apprentice.

Unfortunately for Bolton, popular midfield man **JEFF CHANDLER**, who returned to the club from Derby for £30,000 in the summer, was injured in the Littlewoods Cup tie with Wigan. 28 year-old Londoner Jeff began his career with Blackpool before moving

Their 1987-88 Record

August	F-A	Att.
15 Crewe	H 1-1	4,792
18 Wigan (LC1)	A 3-2	4,115
22 Cardiff	H 1-0	4,530
25 Wigan (LC1)	H 1-3	5,847
29 Scarborough	A 0-4	4,462
31 Peterborough	H 2-0	3,746
September		
5 Hereford	A 3-0	2,541
12 Halifax	H 2-0	4,445
15 Scunthorpe	A 1-1	2,501
19 Torquay	A 1-2	2,211
26 Hartlepool	H 1-2	4,398
October		
3 Wolves	H 1-0	3,833
10 Darlington	A 0-1	1,763
13 Preston (FRT)	H 0-0	3,478
17 Carlisle	H 5-0	4,184
20 Exeter	H 1-0	4,165
24 Rochdale	A 2-2	4,294
31 Swansea	H	

This Season's Scorers:

Thomas 7 (1 pen.), Morgan 4, Henshaw 2, Brookman 2, Came 2, Elliott 1, Savage 1, Chandler 1, Thompson 1, Darby 1, own goals 3.

THEIR MANAGER ...

Now 36, former Liverpool full-back **PHIL NEAL** was appointed player/manager at Burnden Park in December 1985, following the dismissal of Charlie Wright. He enjoyed a long and distinguished playing career at Anfield, where he won a host of domestic and European honours following his arrival from Northampton in 1974. He won 50 full England caps and played in the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

to Leeds, from whom Bolton originally signed him in 1981. While at Derby last season, he had a short mid-term loan spell with Mansfield.

ATTACK

● 31 year-old **TREVOR MORGAN**, who led the attack for the opening months of the season, missed the recent 5-0 thrashing of Carlisle. He has played most of his career in the West Country, including a season at Exeter, two periods with Bournemouth, over 50 games for Bristol Rovers and two spells at Bristol City, from whom Wanderers signed him in the summer for £20,000. The much-travelled Morgan also played a dozen games for Mansfield in 1981-82.

STEVE ELLIOTT, another experienced striker, has recently fought his way back into the side after a few early season outings as a substitute.

Now 29, he cost Bolton £29,000 from Walsall in the summer of 1986 and has previously played for Nottingham Forest, Preston and Luton. 21 year-old Maltese-born **IAN STEVENS**, formerly with Preston and Stockport, made his first League appearance of the season for the Trotters last month, coming on as a substitute against Carlisle.

Wanderers were grateful ten days ago for a double strike from **JOHN THOMAS**, which saved them from defeat against struggling neighbours Rochdale. It cost Bolton £30,000 to bring the consistent goalscorer from Preston in the close season. It is the second spell at Burnden Park for the 29 year-old Thomas, a former Everton youngster, who also played for Chester and Lincoln, as well as loan spells with Tranmere and Halifax earlier in his career. Another striker to return in the summer, this time for a fourth spell including two periods on loan, was 32 year-old **NEIL WHATMORE**, a hero of the Club's rise to the First Division in the late 1970s. He has since played for Birmingham, Burnley, Oxford and Mansfield.

Wanderers' most recent acquisition has been the 22 times capped England international **PETER**

THEIR HISTORY

The Club were formed in 1874 as Christ Church F.C. and became Bolton Wanderers three years later. They were founder members of the Football League in 1888.

1888-99 Division One; 1899-1900 Division Two (Runners-up 1900); 1900-03 Division One; 1903-05 Division Two (Runners-up 1905); 1905-08 Division One; 1908-09 Division Two (Champions 1909); 1909-10 Division One; 1910-11 Division Two (Runners-up 1911); 1911-33 Division Three; 1933-35 Division Two (Runners-up 1935); 1935-64 Division One; 1964-71 Division Two; 1971-73 Division Three (Champions 1973); 1973-78 Division Two (Champions 1978); 1978-80 Division One; 1980-83 Division Two; 1983-87 Division Three; 1987- Division Four. F.A. Cup: Winners 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958. Runners-up 1894, 1904, 1953. Freight Rover Trophy Finalists 1986.

BARNES, 30, signed on a monthly loan from Manchester City. The well-travelled Barnes has been involved in several big money transfers in his career and has played for both Manchester clubs, West Brom, Leeds and Coventry, as well as a season with Spanish side Real Betis in the early 1980s.

Also available for a midfield/attacking position is 19 year-old former YTS player **NICKY BROOKMAN**, who has been a fairly regular squad player this term.



● **BOLTON WANDERERS' 1987-88 Line-up BACK (left to right):** Neil Whatmore, Julian Darby, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Dave Felgate, Mark Came, Trevor Morgan, Mark Winstanley. **MIDDLE (left to right):** Peter Nightingale (physio.), John Thomas, Ian Stevens, Chris Banks, Steve Thompson, Paul Booth, Nicky Brookman, Dean Crombie, Steve Carroll (Youth Coach). **FRONT (left to right):** Peter Bell, Ian Callaghan, Jeff Chandler, Phil Neal (Manager), Derek Scott, Gary Henshaw, Warren Joyce (now Preston).

When Where ... Who – 1987-88

KEY – Home Matches in CAPITALS + = Player Replaced
12 = Playing Substitute S = Non-Playing Substitute

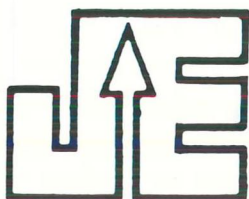
1987	Opponents	1988	F A	Scorers	Lge. Pos.	Att.	Paul Bradshaw	Simon Hodson
Aug. 15 (Sat.)	Hartlepool United (Lge.)	0-0	—	—	—	1,926	1	2
Aug. 18 (Tue.)	CARDIFF CITY (LC1) (played at Ninian Park)	2-1	—	Evans (2)	—	3,383	1	2
Aug. 22 (Sat.)	BURNLEY	0-1	—	—	21	2,006	1	2
Aug. 25 (Tue.)	Cardiff City (LC1)	2-2	—	Taylor, Tupling	—	3,550	1	2
Aug. 29 (Sat.)	Exeter City	0-3	—	—	23	2,628	1	2
Aug. 31 (Mon.)	STOCKPORT COUNTY	1-2	—	Giles (pen)	24	1,626	1	2
Sept. 5 (Sat.)	Halifax Town	1-3	—	Collins	24	1,095	1	2
Sept. 12 (Sat.)	TORQUAY UNITED	3-1	—	Sherlock, Evans, Withers	23	1,368	1	2
Sept. 16 (Wed.)	Scarborough	1-3	—	Evans	24	2,345	1	2
Sept. 19 (Sat.)	Scunthorpe United	1-3	—	Tupling	24	2,004	1	2
Sept. 22 (Tue.)	Crystal Palace (LC2)	0-4	—	—	—	6,085	1	2
Sept. 27 (Sun.)	HEREFORD UNITED	0-0	—	—	24	1,480	1	2
Sept. 29 (Tue.)	Leyton Orient	1-4	—	Hodson	24	3,761	1	2
Oct. 3 (Sat.)	COLCHESTER UNITED	1-2	—	Thompson	24	1,200	1	2
Oct. 6 (Tue.)	CRYSTAL PALACE (LC2)	0-2	—	—	—	1,303	1	2
Oct. 10 (Sat.)	Cambridge United	0-4	—	—	24	1,874	1	2
Oct. 13 (Tue.)	PORT VALE (FRT)	2-0	—	Gibbins, Giles	—	569	1	2
Oct. 17 (Sat.)	Swansea City	2-1	—	Taylor 2	24	3,739	1	2
Oct. 21 (Wed.)	Peterborough United	0-3	—	—	24	3,163	1	2
Oct. 24 (Sat.)	WREXHAM	2-0	—	Thackeray, Preece	22	1,470	1	2
Oct. 31 (Sat.)	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-2	—	Miller	22	6,467	1	2
Nov. 3 (Tue.)	BOLTON WANDERERS							
Nov. 7 (Sat.)	Carlisle United							
Nov. 14 (Sat.)	F.A. Cup Round 1							
Nov. 21 (Sat.)	CARDIFF CITY							
Nov. 24 (Tue.)	Exeter (FRT)							
Nov. 27 (Fri.)	Tranmere Rovers							
Dec. 5 (Sat.)	F.A. Cup Round 2							
Dec. 12 (Sat.)	DARLINGTON							
Dec. 19 (Sat.)	Rochdale							
Dec. 26 (Sat.)	Hereford United							
Dec. 28 (Mon.)	CREWE ALEXANDRA							
Jan. 1 (Fri.)	EXETER CITY							
Jan. 2 (Sat.)	Torquay United							
Jan. 9 (Sat.)	Burnley							
Jan. 16 (Sat.)	SCUNTHORPE UNITED							
Jan. 23 (Sat.)	SCARBOROUGH							
Jan. 29 (Fri.)	Stockport							
Feb. 5 (Fri.)	HALIFAX TOWN							
Feb. 13 (Sat.)	Crewe Alexandra							
Feb. 19 (Fri.)	HARTLEPOOL							
Feb. 26 (Fri.)	Colchester United							
Mar. 1 (Tue.)	LEYTON ORIENT							
Mar. 5 (Sat.)	SWANSEA CITY							
Mar. 12 (Sat.)	CAMBRIDGE UNITED							
Mar. 18 (Fri.)	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS							
Mar. 26 (Sat.)	Wrexham							
Apr. 2 (Sat.)	CARLISLE UNITED							
Apr. 4 (Mon.)	Cardiff City							
Apr. 9 (Sat.)	PETERBOROUGH UNITED							
Apr. 23 (Sat.)	Bolton Wanderers							
Apr. 30 (Sat.)	TRANMERE ROVERS							
May 2 (Mon.)	Darlington							
May 7 (Sat.)	ROCHDALE							

DIVISION FOUR 1987-88 (including Saturday's game)

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts.
1 Wolves	16	8	4	4	29-17	28
2 Leyton Orient	16	7	6	3	38-22	27
3 Torquay United	16	8	3	5	25-15	27
4 Scarborough	16	8	3	5	25-18	27
5 Scunthorpe	16	7	6	3	27-21	27
6 Colchester United	16	8	3	5	20-16	27
7 Cardiff City	16	8	3	5	21-18	27
8 Burnley	16	8	3	5	18-19	27
9 Hartlepool	16	7	5	4	24-20	26
10 Bolton Wanderers	15	7	4	4	22-14	25
11 Peterborough United	16	7	4	5	17-18	25
12 Cambridge United	16	7	3	6	21-17	24
13 Crewe Alexandra	16	5	8	3	25-21	23
14 Darlington	16	6	5	5	26-25	23
15 Exeter City	16	6	4	6	24-19	22
16 Halifax Town	16	6	4	6	21-21	22
17 Swansea City	16	6	2	8	21-22	20
18 Hereford Town	16	5	4	7	13-19	19
19 Wrexham	16	5	3	8	16-23	18
20 Carlisle United	16	5	2	9	26-35	17
21 Stockport County	16	4	2	10	13-22	14
22 Newport County	16	3	2	11	14-32	11
23 Rochdale	16	2	5	9	13-37	11
24 Tranmere Rovers	15	3	2	10	14-22	9

PLAYERS' ROSTER 1987-88

	League		Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
David ABRUZZESE	5+1s	0	1	0
Paul BRADSHAW	15	0	3	0
Phil BRIGNULL	3	0	2	0
Darren CARR	1	0	0	0
Roddy COLLINS	3+1s	1	0	0
Andrew DILLON	1	0	2	0
Paul EVANS	8+1s	2	3+2s	2
Roger GIBBINS	15	0	5	1
Paul GILES	11	1pen	5	1
Kevin HAMER	1	0	0	0
Norman HODSON	16	1	5	0
Dean HOLTHAM	3+1s	0	1+1s	0
Richard JONES	5	0	0	0
John LEWIS	8	0	4	0
Paul MILLER	3	1	0	0
Glynne MILLETT	4+7s	0	1+1s	0
Norman PARSELLE	1+3s	0	1+1s	0
Ryan PREECE	3	1	2	0
Steve SHERLOCK	11+1s	1	1	0
Paul SUGRUE	0	0	0+1s	0
Robbie TAYLOR	14+1s	2	4	1
Andy THACKERAY	14+1s	1	4+1s	0
Richard THOMPSON	0+1s	1	1	0
Steve TUPLING	14+2s	1	5	1
Paul WILLIAMS	15	0	3	0
David WITHERS	2+3s	1	2	0
†No longer with club	Max 16		Max 5	

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SEVEN POINTS COVER TOP SIXTEEN CLUBS INCONSISTENT ORIENT THANK YOU BOLTON

● As clubs were preparing for last Saturday's matches, it was clear that the race for promotion will be very close in the months ahead. **Scunthorpe's** home win over **Cardiff** (helped by a **Mike Ford** own-goal), took them level on points with **Scarborough**, the League's new boys being held to a 1-1 draw by **Hartlepool**. Former Liverpool full back **Alan Kennedy** has recently joined the North-East club, whose goal at Seamer Road came from an **Andy Toman** penalty. Scarborough's new loan signing, **Colin Russell** from Doncaster, has now scored in both his games for Neil Warnock's team.

● A point behind are **Burnley**, whose rise in the table reflects a liking for the M6/M5 route. On successive Saturday's they have travelled to **Exeter** and **Torquay** winning 2-1 and 3-1 respectively. Goals from **Ian Britton**, **Paul Comstive** and **Steve Taylor** won the points at Torquay who had to be content with a last minute consolation effort from **Alan Pearce**. Two goals for **Andy Mutch** kept **Wolves** in the promotion frame as they took a point from **Darlington**. Both Mutch and Darlington's **David Currie** reached double figures for the season in that match as did **Malcolm Poskett** of **Carlisle** four minutes from the end of his side's 3-2 win over **Tranmere**.

● Bracketed on 25 points with **Wolves** are **Peterborough** who recently defeated us 3-0 at London Road. **Mick Gooding's** three goals against us was the first hat-trick by a Peterborough player for five years and it meant that Gooding also reached the ten goal mark. Three days later, however, 'Posh' had to settle for a point at the Shay.

● Sixth placed **Leyton Orient** are the Division's top scorers, with 34 goals in 15 matches, and they can certainly claim the performance of the season, scoring eight against **Rochdale** at Brisbane Road. They then came a cropper at the Vetch ten days ago as **Joe Allon** continued his overdue goal burst, giving Swans the lead with **Colin Pascoe** and **Alan Davies** sending the O's back to East London empty handed.

● **Nicky Chatterton's** third penalty of the season won **Colchester** their match at **Cambridge** and takes their run to 19 points out of 21. They are now into the top half of the table just three points off the leaders. Cambridge, incidentally, have **Wolves' John Purdie** on loan.

● Our rise of two places after victory over **Wrexham** was clinched by that defeat of Tranmere at Carlisle and **Rochdale** drawing 2-2 with tonight's visitors, **Bolton**. A goal in each half by **John Bramhall** and **Derek Parlane** put Rochdale in a strong position but **John Thomas** scored twice in the last 20 minutes to square the game. We thank him for his contribution to our improving position and trust he and his colleagues can assist us further tonight!

● **Exeter** ended a run of five defeats with a 3-1 home win over **Crewe** for whom **John Platt** scored his 14th goal. Full back **Richard Massey** gave Exeter the lead just before half time, **Tony Kellow** got a second and, despite Platt's almost immediate reply, an injury time goal from **Paul Batty** sealed victory for Exeter.

● **Wrexham's** side here ten days ago included two new loan signings, Leicester's **Robert Alleyn** and Bury's **Ian Fairbrother**. Fortunately, Fairbrother, who scored here on his Bury debut last season, didn't repeat the trick and it appears that Wrexham will need a lot of help to stop their slide, having lost their last five games.

● **Hereford** must like Friday night football. Their second Friday win came at **Stockport** with **Ian Benbow** scoring the first senior goal of his career. Ian Bowyer returned to Nottingham Forest to take young central defender **Darren Wassell** on loan. As for transfer deals I would suggest that Stockport find a striker - that defeat by Hereford meant eight losses in nine and just three goals in 810 minutes of football!

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

with MAURICE SALWAY

FOOTBALL CLUB MANAGEMENT

On the arrival of new manager Brian Eastick I wrote to him on behalf of the Supporters Club welcoming him to the club and assuring him that we will do all we can to assist him in the difficult tasks that lie ahead.

I managed to have a brief word with him before the Wrexham match and suggested to him that the Supporters Club would be very interested in arranging a 'get-to-know-each-other' evening in the near future in the Clubhouse. Brian said he would be happy to do so and would I arrange it through Ken James the Club's new senior executive.

I have previously been to see Ken James to find out in which ways we could assist him and the Club. Unfortunately we were unable to complete our discussions due to his other business, but Ken has promised to fix another meeting at which I will obviously raise the question of the Supporters Club evening for Brian Eastick and himself.

The more that we and the football club management can do to make each other aware of each others activities, the better it will be for all concerned.



PAUL BRADSHAW — Leader in the race for the Castaway Player of the Year.

CASTAWAYS NEWS

Man of the Match awards in recent away games were won by Robbie Taylor at Swansea, while Steve Tuplin won the travelling supporters' role for the first time at Peterborough. Paul Bradshaw still leads in the Castaways Player of the

Year competition. Details of coaches to Carlisle and Northampton will be available in the Supporters Club tonight.

SPORTS QUIZ

At the time of writing, we have received no word from the organisers about our opponents in the first round, originally due to be played tonight. We have however been advised that the ties can now be played on Tuesdays or Wednesdays which gets over the original problem of quiz nights clashing with football nights. Details of this weeks opponents will be displayed in the Clubhouse this evening and the result in the Cardiff programme on 21st November or, in the event of an F.A. Cup replay against Northampton, in that programme on Tuesday 17th November. Let us hope we can get off to a good start in the quiz. All supporters are welcome to attend.

MIDWEEK EVENTS

May I remind members that the bingo sessions continue to be run every Wednesday and that the darts team are about to commence their fixtures with the home ties being played on Monday evenings in the Club.



● Simeon Hodson, a model of consistency this season holds off Wrexham's Darren Wright in our last home game.

AMBER ANGLE

by AMANDA BOLT

on GLYNNE MILLETT



October 7th last season, was a great night for one of our young players. Can't think why? Then I will remind you. Everton were our guests in the 2nd leg of the 2nd round of the Littlewoods Cup. Although we were 4-0 down from the first leg, it was a memorable night especially for our young striker Glynne Millett who came on as substitute in place of Jimmy Mullen for his first team debut.

Glynne says: "It was exciting

and nerve racking to be playing against Everton. Kevin Ratcliffe the Everton and Wales captain was marking me. He is a great player." Unfortunately we could not build on the promise of Roy Carter's early goal and the Merseysiders were 5-1 winners.

Even from an early age our Abergavenny striker had played football. "I played for my school team which was Brecon High and I also played for Abergavenny Thursdays in the Welsh League. A little older and with a little more experience I won several county caps for Mid Wales."

In the middle of his 'A' level courses in History and Religious Education, Glynne left school and joined County on a YTS apprenticeship and played regularly in the reserve team. "I used to play in

midfield but I moved to a striking position and found that when provided with the opportunities I could score goals."

Glynne made his League debut at Bolton last season and scored the only goal to give us three valuable points. "I don't really think much about scoring goals and how I score them. I just try to keep 100% concentration and get on with the game."

The most exciting game which Glynne has played in, in his somewhat short and promising football career was our successful Welsh Cup Third Round match against Swansea City at the Vetch Field. "It was great playing in such an important match. The team played well and the County supporters who were there that night were fantastic. They got behind us all the way."

Glynne comes from quite a sporting family. For example, his mother was a good athlete while she was at school while his elder sister played badminton for Wales on Youth level. "My parents having that interest in sport have encouraged me to keep on working at my football. They go to both home and away matches even if I am not playing. Where I grew up I didn't have a local Football League team so I went up to Anfield to see what I was missing."

Last season saw great disappointment for us as we were relegated to the Fourth Division and lost to Merthyr Tydfil in the Welsh Cup Final, but our young striker believes that this season is going to be one of change. "I don't see why we can't finish the season away from the bottom and perhaps next year we can challenge at least for a place in the end of season play-offs which may then lead to promotion."

Glynne hopes to be part of such a revival at Somerton Park as he tries to establish himself in our first-team squad.



LEAGUE RECORD

	Apps	Goals
Newport Co	9+10s	1

LOOK BACK IN AMBER

A DRAMATIC VICTORY AT BOLTON



Until the 1983-84 season, the paths of Newport County and tonight's visitors, Bolton Wanderers had never crossed. Today's fixture is the ninth between the sides and, while the score stands at four victories each, from our point of view, no fixture between ourselves and Wanderers was as dramatic as our first meeting in October 1983.

Both clubs ranked among the early favourites for promotion from the Third Division. County had just missed out the previous spring after having appeared in an impregnable position, while Bolton had given John McGovern the task of returning the once mighty Lancashire club to the upper Divisions. Tony Caldwell, a recent signing from non-League Horwich, was the leading scorer in the Third Division, having starred in Wanderers' recent 8-1 thrashing of Walsall when he scored five goals. County manager Colin Addison had been active in the transfer market. He had recently completed a five-player transfer exchange which saw Linden Jones, John Lewis and Tarki Micallef arrive from Cardiff City. Roy Carter had moved from Torquay in a £10,000 deal and we travelled north in confident mood in search of our fifth successive game without defeat.

A PROMISING START . . .

Bolton's Burnden Park ground is one of the more imposing settings for League football, and although we met on equal terms, there was an

almost cup-tie feeling of being the underdogs watching their side playing higher Division opponents for County fans as they saw their side take the field. County acquitted themselves well and for 25 minutes had the better of exchanges. The goal that broke the deadlock, however, was pure farce.

County were awarded a free-kick some 15 yards from the corner flag near to the touchline on the right side. There were no visiting forwards in a threatening position as Linden Jones' centre forced home goalkeeper Simon Farworth into a terrible tangle. He came off his line as he tried to gather the ball but fumbled it and it struck defender Peter Valentine before bouncing over the line for an embarrassing own goal which was wrongly 'credited' to Farnworth by the press. A minute before half-time Bolton were level and again the goal was a goalkeeper's nightmare. Mark Kendall miskicked a clearance to Jeff Chandler who passed to Caldwell who easily netted his 12th goal of the season.

DISALLOWED GOAL . . .

After 65 minutes came an incident which incensed the County supporters. John Aldridge's pass found John Lewis for the midfield player to net from 20 yards. A linesman's flag waved, apparently for offside, but referee John Key of Rotherham pointed to the centre and waved away the half-hearted protests from the home players. Then to the amazement of both sets of players and fans, just as the kick-off was to be taken, Mr. Key ran to the centre of the field to consult the same linesman whose signal he had previously waved away. Play was restarted with a free-kick to Bolton and with County's defence disorganised, Wanderers immediately forced a corner from which Jeff Chandler's header just crossed the line before County cleared. A goal was awarded, correctly in this case, but instead of being 2-1 up, County now trailed.

PRESSURE PAYS . . .

County bounced back from their disappointment and made a

tremendous effort to save the game. The home defence had several narrow escapes and held out until the 88th minute when Tony Reid struck his first goal for us. With everyone expecting County to try to hold on for a point, the players had different ideas.

From the kick-off, Keith Oakes gathered the ball and propelled it deep into the Wanderers' half. County forced a succession of corners and with the referee adding time on for the dispute over Lewis' disallowed goal, Roy Carter struck the winner. There was to be no reprieve for the home side this time though John McGovern admitted that justice had been done.

"Normally we play well against a side willing to come and play football," said the home manager, "but we have a young team and they just did not have the experience to deal with Newport."

For Colin Addison, the three points had been inevitable. "It was a game we were always going to win," he said. "Only the referee was going to stop us."

It is perhaps too much to say that the County fans forgave Mr. Key as they returned home, but their mood was certainly one of elation. It is not often you see your side win a tough away game when they are trailing just two minutes from time. Neither side were to figure in the final stages of the promotion chase and Wanderers extracted a measure of revenge from the return game at Somerton Park. They allowed a 3-0 half-time lead slip but eventually held on to win by the same 3-2 margin.

Third Division

Saturday, October 15, 1983

BOLTON: Farnworth, Borrows, Deakin, Joyce, McElhinney, Valentine (1 o.g.), Thompson, Chandler (1), Rudge, Caldwell (1), Redfern.

COUNTY: Kendall, L. Jones, Relish, Reid (1), Oakes, Boyle, Martinez, Aldridge, Micallef, Carter (1), Lewis.

Score: 2-3 (h.t. 1-1)

Attendance: 4,928

IN RESERVE

YOUTH TEAM – PLAYERS ROSTER 1987-88

	Apps	Goals
Ian BECKITT	3+2s	1
Dean BOUGHEN	5+1s	0
Scott BURLAS	1+2s	0
Andrew BURFITT	6	0
Roy DAVIES	6	1
Leon DRAPER	6	0
Carl EVANS	0+1s	0
Simon GRIST	2+1s	0
Anthony HOPKINS	1	0
Lee JONES	2+1s	0
Richard JONES	1	0
Anthony KIDNER	3+2s	0
Jon LEWIS	3	0
Adam MOORE	5	1
Simon MORGAN	6	2
Patrick O'HAGAN	6	0
Norman PARSELLE	1	0
Kevin PAYNE	3	0
Jason SIMMONDS	0+1s	0
Jason SKINNER	1	0
Lee THOMAS	5	1
Ricky THOMPSON	0+1s	0
	Max 6	1 own goal

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION (before Sat. results)

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
1 Newport County ..	8	5	1	2	19-10	16
2 Abergavenny	6	5	0	1	15-6	15
3 Tonyrefail	8	4	2	2	11-8	14
4 BP	7	4	1	2	13-7	13
5 Panteg	9	4	1	4	18-15	13
6 Afan Lido	5	4	0	1	14-4	12
7 Clydach	7	3	2	2	21-12	11
8 S. W. Police	7	3	2	2	12-9	11
9 Cardiff Corin.	6	3	1	2	10-10	10
10 Pontllytyn	9	3	1	5	11-26	10
11 Sully	6	2	2	2	10-10	8
12 Ammanford T.	8	1	4	3	5-9	7
13 Taffs Well	6	2	0	4	7-13	6
14 Ferndale	4	1	2	1	8-5	5
15 Abergcynon	4	1	1	2	6-8	4
16 Spencer Works	5	1	1	3	7-11	4
17 Newport YMCA	4	0	3	1	7-11	3
18 Caerau	7	0	0	7	2-22	0

WELSH NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

1987						
Aug.	30	ABERAMAN	H	3-3		
Sept.	13	Cwmbran Town	A	1-2		
	20	Briton Ferry	A	0-1		
	27	Merthyr	A	1-0		
Oct.	4	AFC CARDIFF	H	2-2		
	11	Swansea City	A	0-4		
	18	WELSHPOOL	H	Post.		
	25	Cardiff Corinthians	A	Post.		
Nov.	1	CARDIFF CITY	H			
	7	Briton Ferry (W.Y. Cup)	A			
	8	Sully	A			
	11	Swindon (F.A.Y. Cup)	A			
	15	Aberaman	A			
	29	CWMBRAN TOWN	H			
Dec.	6	BRITON FERRY	H			
	13	MERTHYR	H			
	20	AFC Cardiff	A			
1988						
Feb.	7	SWANSEA CITY	H			
	14	Welshpool	A			
	21	CARDIFF CORINTHIANS	H			
	28	Cardiff City	A			
March	6	SULLY	H			

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE FIXTURES PREMIER DIVISION

1987						
Aug.	25	SPENCER WORKS (Cup) ...	H	2-0		
Aug.	29	Spencer Works	A	2-1		
Sept.	5	TONYREFAIL	H	1-0		
	12	Cardiff Corries	A	0-1		
	19	Panteg	A	4-2		
	23	Panteg (Cup)	A	2-0		
	26	Ammanford	A	0-0		
	29	NEWPORT Y.M.C.A.	H	6-2		
Oct.	3	Pontllytyn	A	5-2		
	10	PANTEG	H	1-2		
	17	Clydach	A	Post.		
	27	CAERAU	H	Post.		
	31	Taffs Well	A			
Nov.	7	B.P.	H			
	14	Sully	A			
	24	S.W. POLICE	H			
Dec.	8	ABERGAVENNY	H			
	12	Ferndale	A			
	19	PONTLOTTYN	H			
	26	SPENCER WORKS	H			
1988						
Jan.	2	Tonyrefail	A			
	12	CARDIFF CORRIES	H			
	16	Afan Lido	A			
	23	Newport Y.M.C.A.	A			
	30	ABERCYNON	H			
Feb.	13	CLYDACH	H			
	20	Caerau	A			
	27	TAFFS WELL	H			
March	5	B.P.	A			
	15	SULLY	H			
	19	S.W. Police	A			
	26	AMMANFORD	H			
April	2	Abergavenny	A			
	5	FERNDALE	H			
		AFAN LIDO (H) to be arranged				
		Pontllytyn (A) to be arranged				

MACBAR SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE

1987						F-A
Aug.	6	Swansea (Cup)	A	1-4		
	19	EXETER	H	3-3		
Sept.	2	Cardiff	A	1-2		
Oct.	6	Torquay	A	Post.		
	14	SWANSEA	H	Post.		
Nov.	10	PLYMOUTH	H			
Dec.	14	Hereford	A			
Jan.	5	Exeter	A			
	19	CARDIFF	H			
Feb.	10	Bristol City	A			
	16	TORQUAY	H			
March	8	Swansea	A			
	29	Plymouth	A			
April	13	BOURNEMOUTH	H			
	26	HEREFORD	H			

Shrewsbury (H and A) and Bournemouth (A) and BRISTOL CITY (H) are still to be arranged.

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